

McGraw Takes Up Giants' Lone Problem, Pitching; Plans Campaign for Rookie Twirlers

Hurlers Cause And Proctor in Line for 1922

Giant Leader Will Take Many Young Moundsmen to the Spring Training Camp

By W. J. Macbeth

Vice-President Manager John J. McGraw, of the Giants, who was holding down Secretary James Tierney's swivel chair yesterday while that hard-working official took a few whiffs of Fifth Avenue's rarified air, glanced two signed contracts from the afternoon's mail. As these papers assured the world's champions the services of two pitchers for the season of 1922 the Little Napoleon considered his little siesta a day well spent. For pitching alone is the only doubtful quantity in calculating McGraw's chances for his eighth National League pennant here.

The new players to sign are Cecil Alcock and "Red" Causey and William Proctor, both right-handers. Causey needs little introduction. He is a big right-hander who first broke in with the Giants at Gettysburg, Pa., in the spring of 1919. In July of 1920 he was the deal that brought Artie Nehf to the Giants was consummated. In the spring of 1920 Causey refused to report to Boston and was disposed of to Philadelphia Nationals.

With the tallied Phillies Causey looked the million dollar pitcher, and last year, hard pressed for pitching talent, McGraw made another deal with Quakerstown for his services. Causey came back to the Giants with a sore arm that incapacitated him for the remainder of the season, but McGraw believes he is a sound as ever again and that he will be effective in taking a regular turn during the pennant fight the coming season. If as good this spring as he was a year ago with the Phillies Causey should help to alleviate the only fear of the champions.

Proctor, a Virginian, is an absolutely unknown quantity, up for trial in fact company for the first time. He is a Virginian, a native of Williamsburg, Va., and had a wonderful season in 1921 at Knoxville, Tenn. However brilliant he may be it is likely Proctor will be found to be a year or so away from the elite. Quite a jump-up from Knoxville to the Polo Grounds.

If McGraw is not possessed of real pitching strength for the impending National League imbroglio, it will be a fact of his life. He plans a long and arduous campaign of development at San Antonio. He will take to Texas no less than a score of pitchers, the majority of whom he expects to develop to at least two or three men from these and his pitching "hunchmen" to help Tom, Douglas, Barnes and Egan through the early months. It will be remembered that these veterans did not all hit their stride until well toward August the past season.

Two Giants are already hard at work at Hot Springs, Ark. Catcher Earl Smith, who lives there, writes that he is out daily on the mountain road. Big Claude Johnson has joined the team. Johnson is a young giant of about six foot four who came up from Little Rock toward the end of the championship race of last year. He pitched four scoreless innings and struck out seven men after he had succeeded Cecil Causey.

Earl Smith recommends Catcher. Earl Smith, by the way, has recommended a new catcher to McGraw. He is a young native of Hot Springs who answers to the name of Ray Gilchrist. In all probability Gilchrist will be invited to join Antonin Smith, who is now one of the leading catchers of the National League, was himself a "jewel" in the rough when discovered by Wilbert Robinson in Hot Springs in 1918. He developed in one year under Arthur Irwin in Rochester.

"Shuffle! Phil" Douglas, who, with Fred Toney and Dave McCaffrey, will go to Hot Springs to work before the other Giants leave for San Antonio, has written from Birmingham, Ala. Phil is somewhat anxious about his world's championship problem. As a matter of fact these three have been forwarded by Judge Landis. Usually the decoration was in the form of a diamond studded pin. Before the delicate disbanding of the team was voted to ask the Commissioner for such fobs instead.

These are busy days at Yankee headquarters, though the bustle and hurry of interest indirectly to New York. The "Yankee" centers around the new stadium, to be built at 161st Street and Jerome Avenue. Yesterday was the day on which bids closed for work of all kinds at the new plant, and for a time Colonel Huston and his engineers will be busy considering the many applications. Pending bids for the various parts of construction or one for the whole work meets with the approval of the building committee. The ground will be broken as soon as the present cold snap abates. The owners are hopeful of having the plant completed for a spring opening before the end of the next championship season, at which time the first American League pennant which has fallen to the lot of New York will be raised with fitting ceremony.

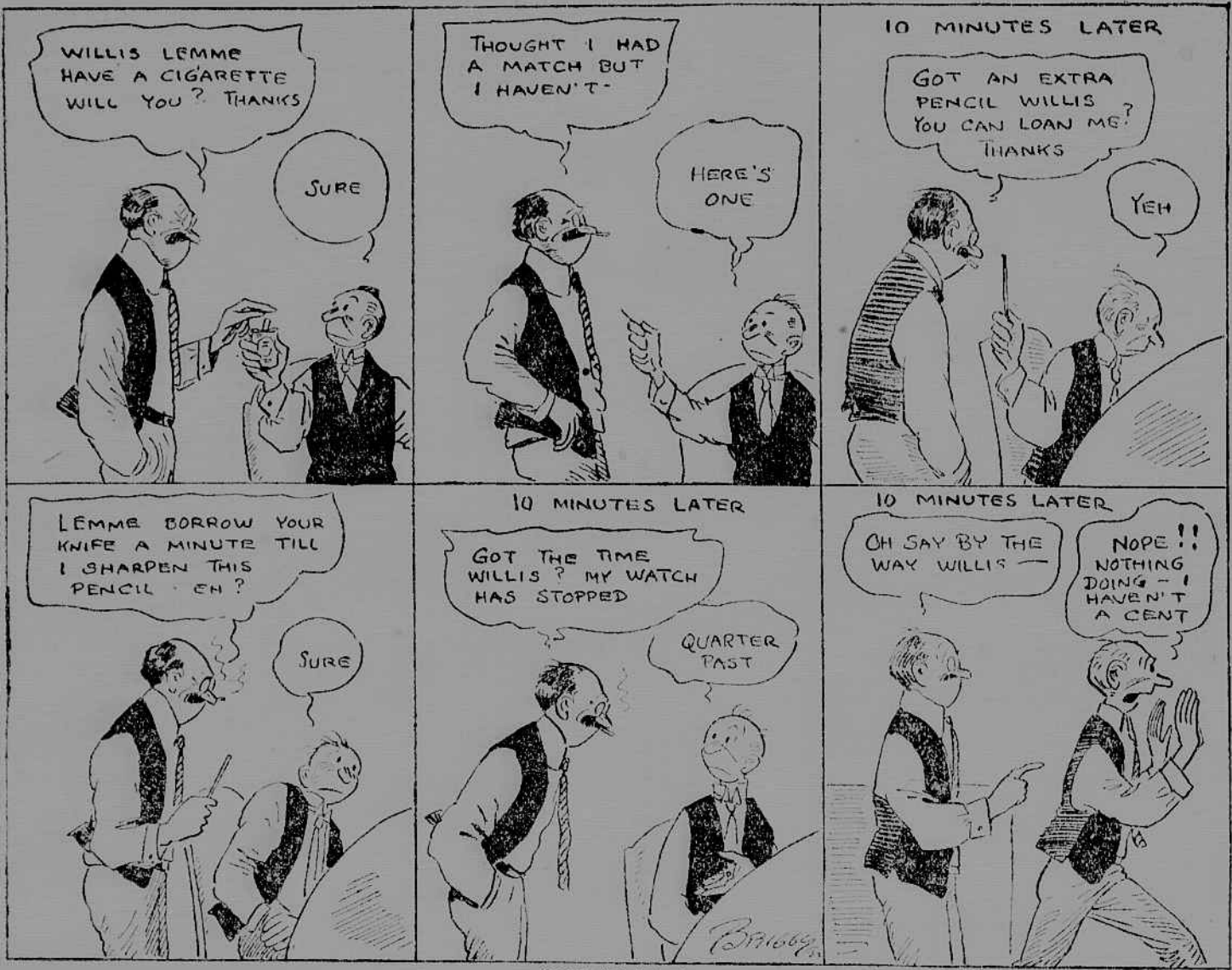
McGraw Leaves for Cuba. Manager John J. McGraw of the Giants will leave tomorrow for Cuba, where he will spend a vacation of a month before proceeding to San Antonio to take charge of the spring training of the Giants March 1. McGraw was wintering in Cuba for the past several years, but remained in town this winter to complete the many deals which have left him in a strong position for a successful pennant fight in 1922.

Clark Griffith of the Senators says that, besides the players which figures, it took \$30,000 of his ready cash to land Shortstop Roger Peckinpaugh, formerly captain of the champion Yankees. It is believed most of the swag fell into the maw of Connie Mack.

Wheeler Dell, the elongated pitcher of the Los Angeles club, is said to have made good in pictures—so good that he intends to retire from the mound. He has not yet signed with the Angels. Cincinnati Reds and St. Louis Cardinals were both angling for his services. Dell will be remembered locally as a member of Uncle Sam's Brooklyn Dodgers that won the National League championship in 1916, only to be licked in the world's series by the Boston Red Sox.

Foreign Bike Riders Coming. CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—The Italian "bike" racers Belloni, Sivocci, Gremo and Tenari, were to have sailed Saturday for America to take part in the six-day "bike" race here February 12, will not compete, it became known today, with the announcement that their places would be taken by Giovanni and Oliveri, Italians, and Tessa and De Baetes, Belgians, who soon will start for this country.

There's at Least One in Every Office : : : : : By BRIGGS



The SPORTLIGHT

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Contrary to considerable and at times widespread belief, tracking the festive quail through the matted undergrowth of Floridian jungle and swamp is attended by practically no danger from the dreaded diamond-back rattlesnake, which seems to have a wonderful habit of keeping out of the way, even in locations ideal for a rattler homestead.

On our first day here, under the guidance of Alex Smith, twice open golf champion, and Dr. Dickerson, both crack shots, we followed quail spoors for twenty-six miles without arousing his lordship of the diamond skin and the warning signal.

Yet the diamond rattler makes a bum pal and a tough acquaintance. Only a few days ago an Englishman down in this sector pursued a rabbit to his lair.

Reaching in, he was struck at the base of the thumb, the two fang perforations being a half-inch deep, showing the power of the rattler's punch.

He apparently didn't figure upon the deadliness of his opponent. Two hours later his arm was black from hand to shoulder and so badly swollen it looked as if the skin would burst.

When he finally located a doctor the only advice left was to send immediately for his wife and make his will. He was dead sixteen hours later.

The half-inch perforation was proof enough of the terrific force placed back of the stroke.

Another huntsman was a quicker thinker. He also reached in a hole for a wounded rabbit, only to be struck in the thumb.

The fangs sank in so far that when he jerked his hand out the big snake was still hanging on.

Shaking the rattler loose, the huntsman immediately placed his thumb at the end of his gun barrel and let fly, blowing the thumb completely off.

While, of course, the thumb was a total loss, the poison was checked by this device and no other harm followed.

The bite of a rattler, when not attended immediately, is first followed by sharp pains and almost total blindness.

After that there seems to be little suffering, as the coma gradually settles in.

What Timing Is. Alex Smith, the noted golf professional, gave fine evidence in this hunt of what timing is.

Alex is a fast playing golfer, yet he is never in a hurry. In shooting there was nothing deliberate about his way of handling a gun, yet he was never shooting too quickly.

Alex has made a study of timing for many years.

"When a fine golfer, or a good ball player, or a good tennis player is off his game," he remarked, "it is merely a matter of his timing being bad for that day. And it may happen to any of them, including the steadiest and the most brilliant. Timing comes from a combination of the brain, the nerves and the muscles. They must all work together. If a man is worried, if his nerves are a bit jumpy, if his muscles are sore, or if he is physically or mentally tired, his timing is almost sure to be bad."

"That's why it is so hard for most men to be steady day in and day out. They can't keep their timing under control. When Dempsey fought Bill Brennan his timing was badly off, and so he needed twelve rounds, in place of three or four, to finish his man. That's why golfers like Jim Barnes or Walter Hagen can jump from 71 to 83. All timing—all in not being able to make brain, nerve and muscle work together."

And that's why it is so important to start any match with an unworried mind, without fretting over mistakes or bad luck. When you begin to fret and worry your timing goes to smash and so does your game. President Harding said it—poise is the most important shot in golf, and the player who doesn't have it isn't going to get very far and then stay there.

Apparently you can't have both. You can't have the luxury of self-pity and a free-for-all blast at the fates and still keep your mental balance. And when the mental balance blows up, so does the physical, as the former is the foundation of the latter, the big test in any game.

Dr. Howe Outlines Harvard's Rowing Plans for Season

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 26.—Sixty former Harvard oarsmen gathered for luncheon this afternoon at the Varsity Club and were told of the plans for rowing during the coming season. Dr. Heber Howe, head coach of the crew, spoke briefly. Arthur Burnham, of Brookline, and Dr. Lincoln Davis, of Boston, also accepted the opportunity to say a few words.

Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard, who is eighty-eight years old, was one of the first to avail himself of the invitation and spoke briefly. Arthur Burnham, of Brookline, and Dr. Lincoln Davis, of Boston, also accepted the opportunity to say a few words.

Dr. Eliot, while he never rowed as an undergraduate, accepted an invitation while he was a tutor at Harvard to take a seat in a six-oared shell, four of the occupants of which were undergraduates, and rowed on the Charles River in two races, his crew winning both of them. In those days purses of money were acceptable prizes, and the Crimson crew was richer by \$175. Dr. Eliot also helped to select the first colors for the Harvard crew, which is the present crimson used. Although the time has changed slightly since that time, it has returned to its present state.

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Schaeffer to Play Langford in Final On Southern Links

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PALE BEACH, Fla., Jan. 26.—Oscar Schaeffer, medalist, and William Langford, both of Chicago, will play for the championship in the Lake Worth tournament to-morrow as a result of their victories today. In the upper bracket Schaeffer disposed of E. C. Vandusen, of Minneapolis, in an extra hole match and had to extend himself to do it.

Schaeffer was 1 up going to the eighteenth, but lost it for a bad approach. His birdie 3 on the nineteenth clinched the game. To-morrow he plays Langford, who displaced Darwin P. Kingsley by a margin of 3-1. Langford was on top of his game. The Chicago pair are well matched for the final, both playing a steady game.

George A. Easton, Engineer, V. C. displaced O. R. Francis, Palm Beach, in the second flight by holding out the birdie 3 on the nineteenth hole. While Easton was never down, he had to play his best brand to hold the game. Though 2 up at the sixteenth green, erratic shots lost him the remaining 2, and the game was his when he holed a long putt.

The summaries: First flight—O. R. Francis beat E. C. Vandusen, 1 up (19 holes); William Langford beat D. P. Kingsley, 2-1.

Second flight—G. A. Easton beat O. R. Francis, 1 up (19 holes); O. L. Bralley beat Dick Golder, 1 up.

Brooklyn Meets Knights. Arcadia Hall will be the scene of two of the best basketball exhibitions of the year next Sunday afternoon and evening, when the Brooklyn team makes its home debut in the newly formed Metropolitan Basketball League.

In the afternoon Brooklyn meets the Knights of St. Anthony and in the evening MacDowell Lyceum.

McBury Quinets Wins. McBury School defeated Friends Seminary in easy fashion in a basketball contest at the latter's court, scored 20 to 9. Ranelli scored thirty of the winner's points.

English Lawn Tennis Solons Form Association of Umpires

British Follow Example of U. S., Organizing Body to Train and Select Officials for All Sanctioned Tournaments; Plans Already Perfected

By Fred Hawthorne

Impressed by the conspicuous success in this country of the Tennis Umpires' Association of the United States Lawn Tennis Association, the Lawn Tennis Association of England has organized a similar association in that country, with Alfred Stern as president and Sir Lionel Alexander, of the Guards Club, London, as honorable secretary.

The official title of the English body is the Lawn Tennis Umpires' Association and the same objects are sought as those of our own association, namely, the selection and training of a body of men to act as umpires and line-men for all sanctioned tournaments. The English association was started on December 13, and plans for the new season have already been perfected. R. Clifford Black, chairman of the Tennis Umpires' Association of the U. S. L. T. A., made this announcement yesterday afternoon during the course of a special meeting he had arranged for the purpose of its discussion with the tennis writers of the city the association's plans for the coming outdoor season.

Other Countries Also Interested. For several months past Mr. Black has been in touch with Percy V. Root-ham, of the Surrey Tennis Association of England, and according to the latter the English umpires' association will closely follow the methods of procedure in vogue in this country. Mr. Black has sent Mr. Rootham several copies of our umpires' manual, which will be used as the official tennis guide on the other side. Mr. Black also reported that Australia is starting work on a similar organization, while Japan and France are showing signs of interest along the same lines.

Clifford Black has been far more than a flourish since joining the Tennis Umpires' Association as its chairman. Due to his unfailing attention to the duties of his office as head of that organization, it is now a 100 per cent more efficient body than ever before. There are now more than 600 trained men enrolled, with this number being constantly added to, and Mr. Black hopes eventually to have 2,000 trained umpires and line-men in the association within the next year or two.

In addition to his propaganda work in creating interest in the association throughout the country, Mr. Black is thoroughly revising the umpires' manual and taking steps to still further increase the wonderful efficiency with which the national championship tournaments were conducted last year under the auspices of the association. It is a great work, ably handled by a conscientious official.

Delegates to Convene Here. The call for the forty-first annual meeting of the United States Lawn Tennis Association has been sent out to all clubs and associations belonging to the national governing body. The delegates will convene at the Astoria Hotel at 1:30 p. m. on Saturday, February 4, after which the roll call will be issued, the minutes read and the reports of the secretary, field secretary and various committees submitted.

The high spot of the meeting will be the amendment to the amateur rule offered by President Myrick, chairman of the amateur rule committee. The executive committee has approved this rule, which will be in effect from the start of the season.

Eight fifth-class ice yachts started in the five-mile carnival race. The Banshee, owned by Clarence E. Fisher, of Newark, and sailed by Commodore Ralph B. Siskels, of the Independent Ice Yacht Club, led from start to finish, covering the distance in the fast time of 14 minutes.

In the second race the result was in doubt until the last minute, the positions of the first three yachts changing in the last round. The Banshee, the Mimatic, 31 minutes 15 seconds, and the Say When 34 minutes 35 seconds. Now then finished fourth and fifth.

The Banshee, owned by George Ruppert, of New York, brother of Jacob Ruppert, owner of the Yankees, was tried out today by Reuben White, who believes the yacht will be very speedy with a new set of sails. The Banshee broke its bobstay in the first round of the race.

In the evening he amassed 250, with Peterson was clicking off 45, the going only four innings. Here Hoppe had an average of 62.24, and an average run of 124. Hoppe also hit Peterson in two exhibitions at the convention billiards, running a total of 10 in 15 innings.

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Whim Wins Two Ice Yacht Races On Shrewsbury

RED BANK, N. J., Jan. 26.—Henry Applegate's third-class ice yacht Whim, which may be picked as one of the challengers for the championship pennant to be sailed against the Long Branch Club yachts, captured both ten-mile cup races on the North Shrewsbury this afternoon.

In the first race the Whim, sailed by the owner, with Dustin Allaire leading sheet, led from "start to finish" and made the ten miles in the fast time of 28 minutes in a moderate northeast breeze. George W. Bray's Daisy was second; Benjamin Finck's Mimatic, third; Thomas Irving Brown's Say When, fourth; Reuben White's Get There, fifth; Del and Fred Fisher's TNT, sixth, and T. I. Brown's Now Then, seventh.

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